AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain(s) under examination in the application is presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for acting upon ~~controlling a remote video processing chain producing~~ a video stream to be transmitted to a receiving terminal, the method comprising ~~steps during which the terminal transmits video steam processing commands to the remote video processing chain to modify the video stream to be transmitted, and the remote video processing chain executes said video stream processing commands on the video stream before transmitting the video stream to the terminal, wherein said video stream processing commands transmitted by the terminal and executable by the remote video processing chain comprise~~:

transmitting a video stream from a transmitting terminal to a remote video processing chain in the receiving terminal;

receiving in a transmitting command processing chain within the transmitting terminal, video stream [[image]] processing commands from the receiving terminal to be executed by a transmitting video processing chain ~~applied to an image region~~, said [[image]] video stream processing commands including a definition of the image region of an image contained in the transmitted video stream, the definition of the image region being associated with a particular video stream processing operation ~~command~~ to be applied to the image region; [[,]] and

executing the video stream processing ~~an execution~~ command~~, wherein the execution command is carried out~~ by the ~~remote~~ transmitting video processing chain wherein the defined image region is selected and ~~applies the image processing commands to the image region, the execution command further comprising a selection step to select the image region defined in the image processing commands, and an application step to apply the processing defined in~~

~~the image~~ the video stream processing ~~commands~~ operation is applied to the defined image region ~~selected~~ in the video stream.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of activating an optional module in the transmitting ~~remote~~ video processing chain to execute at least in part [[a]] the video steam processing command transmitted by the receiving terminal.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the transmitting ~~remote~~ video processing chain, comprise a zoom command associated with the image region to magnify the image region selected in the video stream.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the video stream processing commands, executable by the transmitting ~~remote~~ video processing chain, comprise a move command to move the image region transmitted in the video stream subsequent to execution of [[a]] the zoom ~~method~~ command.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the transmitting ~~remote~~ video processing chain comprise a resolution increase command associated with the image region to increase the resolution of the image region ~~to the detriment of the remainder of the image transmitted by the video stream~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting ~~remote~~ video processing chain restores a default image configuration in the video stream after a preset time interval from the time of execution of [a] the video stream processing command.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the transmitting ~~remote~~ video processing chain comprise a command to restore a default image configuration ~~of an image transmitted by~~ in the video stream.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~transmission of the~~ video stream processing commands are received ~~is conducted~~ in accordance with protocol H.323 or SIP in messages which are ignored by the transmitting terminal if the messages are not compliant therewith.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling a first remote video processing chain producing a video stream which is transmitted to a first terminal via a telecommunications network, the system comprising:

first transmission means installed in the first terminal for transmitting to the first remote video processing chain, video stream processing commands to be applied to the video stream to be transmitted,

receiving means installed in the first remote video processing chain for receiving the video stream processing commands on the video stream to be transmitted by the first remote video processing chain, and

executing means installed in the first remote video processing chain, for executing the video stream processing commands on the video stream to be transmitted by the first remote video processing chain,

wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the first remote video processing chain comprise image processing commands to be applied to an image region, the image processing commands including a definition of the image region of an image contained in the transmitted video stream, the image region associated with a definition of a processing operation to be applied to the image region, and the executing means installed in the first remote video processing chain comprise selection means to select the image region defined in the image processing commands that is to be applied to the image region, and application means to apply the processing operation defined in the image processing commands to the image region selected in the video stream.

10. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 9 further comprising optional modules inserted in the first remote video processing chain to execute at least in part the image processing commands defining the processing operation to be applied to the image region in the transmitted video stream.

11. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, wherein the optional modules comprise a reframing module.

12. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims 13-20:

13. (New) A method for acting upon a video stream to be received from a transmitting terminal, the method comprising:

receiving in a receiving video processing chain within a receiving terminal a video stream sent from the transmitting terminal;

transmitting video stream processing commands from a receiving command processing chain within the receiving terminal to the transmitting terminal, the video stream processing commands being executed by a transmitting video processing chain in the transmitting terminal, the video stream processing commands including a defined image region of an image to be acted upon in the video stream, the defined image region being associated with a particular video steam processing operation to be applied to the defined image region;

receiving in the receiving video processing chain an acted upon video stream from the transmitting video terminal, wherein the video processing commands have been applied to the previously defined image region; and

displaying the acted upon video stream on a display screen of the receiving terminal.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

selecting the particular video stream operation to be applied to the defined image regions such that the transmitted video steam processing commands activate an optional module in the transmitting video processing chain such that the selected video stream operation has been applied to the acted upon video stream.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein selecting the particular video stream operation comprises selecting a zoom command associated with the defined image region to magnify the defined image region in the acted upon video stream.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein selecting the particular video stream operation comprises selecting a move command to move the defined image region in the acted upon video stream subsequent to execution of the zoom command.

17. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein selecting the particular video stream operation comprises selecting a resolution increase command associated with the defined image region to increase the resolution of the defined image region.

18. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein selecting the particular video stream operation comprises selecting an image restore command associated with the defined image region to restore a default image configuration to the acted upon video stream.

19. (New) The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

receiving in the receiving video processing chain a restored default image configuration in the acted upon video stream after a preset time interval from the time of execution of the video stream processing commands by the transmitting video processing chain.

20. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein video processing commands from the receiving command processing chain are transmitted in accordance with protocol H.323 or SIP.